

# CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

**FEBRUARY 9, 2015**  
**WORK SESSION**

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The City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida, met in Work Session on Monday, February 9, 2015, at 4:00 PM, in the Railroad Depot Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 300 North Park Avenue, Sanford, Florida.

Present: Mayor Jeff Triplett  
Vice Mayor Velma Williams  
Commissioner Art Woodruff  
Commissioner Randy Jones  
Commissioner Patty Mahany (arrived at 4:18 PM)  
City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr.  
City Attorney William L. Colbert (arrived at 4:50 PM)  
City Clerk Cynthia Porter  
Deputy City Clerk Traci Houchin

Mayor Triplett called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

**1. Presentation of State of Airport by Frank Ioppolo, SAA Chairman and Larry Dale, President and CEO.**

Mr. Dale and Mr. Ioppolo gave a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the State of the Orlando Sanford International Airport. The presentation covered passenger stats, domestic destinations, international destinations, current projects, planned projects, private screening partnership program and future commercial opportunities.

**2. Discussion re: Establishment of a Cultural Grant Fund**

Community Planner & Historic Preservation Officer Christine Dalton presented information regarding establishment of a cultural grant fund. Mayor Triplett asked how the grant funding would work and Ms. Dalton explained that it would be very similar to the City's CRA grant issuing process. Commissioner Mahany said that she would prefer to see this money go towards funding capital improvement projects. Mr. Bonaparte said that he too feels that the City

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has other capital needs that are more pressing. The Commission concurred that Staff should come back to the Commission with a plan for full use of the proceeds from the insurance payout that was received due to the loss of the Little Red Schoolhouse, to include potentially some use for a cultural grant fund but also identify priority capital projects that haven't been funded that need to be funded.

### **3. Update on activities of the Planning & Development Services Department.**

Planning & Development Services Director Russ Gibson introduced the Planning Department Staff and gave a brief overview of a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the accomplishments of the department for the last year. He also passed out information pertaining to the developments in progress.

Commissioner Mahany asked if there has been any activity on the Marina Isle development and he said there has not.

Commissioner Williams made reference to a particular building and asked if it was possible for the Commission to give input on building design going forward. Mr. Gibson explained that currently there are no design standards other than in the historic district. He said that his department is in the process of developing design standards which are scheduled to go before the Planning & Zoning Commission in March and the City Commission in April. In the meantime, if a developer should come to the City with a design that he considers would be unacceptable to the Commission, he will state that to the developer.

### **4. Discussion re: City Elections and moving Election Day to the day of the Primary Election, and allowing for the candidate with a simple majority to be declared the winner.**

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The Commission discussed moving Election Day to the day of the Primary Election and holding a Run-off Election, if necessary, on General Election day. Also discussed was whether to declare a candidate the winner by simple majority (plurality) or 50%+1 majority, and whether to move Election Day back to a spring date.

The Commission also discussed increasing the number of Commission districts to be implemented when the next census data is available. It is a policy decision that would require an amendment to the City's Charter. The Commission asked Mr. Bonaparte to provide them with a listing of Florida cities with a population between 50,000-70,000 and the number of Commission districts represented in those cities and to provide that information via email for future discussion. The Commission concurred to further discuss this item at the next Work Session.

**5. Discussion re: Charter Review Committee and adding Commission districts.**

The Commission concurred not to establish a Charter Review Committee at this time.

**6. Regular Meeting Items – additional information**

- A. Approve Resolution No. 2506, amending the FY 2015 budget by an increase of \$32,852,700. [Commission Memo 15-020]

Finance Director Cynthia Lindsay reviewed this item which is on tonight's agenda for action. The Commission had no questions.

**7. Briefing items**

Mayor's appointments to Boards and Committees for 2015.

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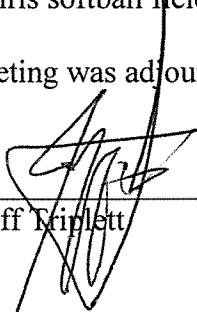
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Mayor Triplett distributed a copy of his 2015 appointments to Boards/Committees and asked the Commission to review their appointments and advise if changes are necessary; this item will be considered tonight.

## **8. City Manager Comments**

- Mr. Bonaparte said that an accident occurred today on Highway 17-92 beyond the RiverWalk which involved a garbage truck and a bicyclist that resulted in a fatality; there were significant traffic delays.
- Channel 2 did a story on the engraved bricks at Veterans Memorial Park. The Public Works Department will move forward with re-doing the bricks so that they will be legible and sealed. This will allow them to last longer; the plan is to have this done prior to Memorial Day.
- The Arbor Day program was held this afternoon at Seminole High School where the Public Works Department planted trees at the girls softball field.

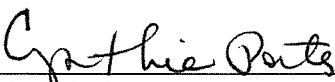
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.



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Mayor Jeff Triplett

Attest:



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Cynthia Pate  
City Clerk

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